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MARK LEVITT STAGE

BAR HILL VILLAGE FETE & FESTIVAL

Bar Hill Fete & Festival - July 12th

The countdown has started and just a coupe of weeks to go. Our theme this year is the 40th anniversary of that fantastic worldwide concert, Live Aid and although we can't replicate all the music, we've chosen music that hopefully all ages will enjoy.

Kick off is at 2pm and the committee welcome Wendy, our new vicar of Bar Hill, on stage to officially open the fete. There will be a whole host of entertainment with rides, bouncy castles, an array of wonderful stalls, the Raptor Foundation, Lion learners are back with bugs and critters…. are you brave enough to visit them? Also mini Shetland ponies that your children can meet and feed but not ride.

The church has a 1940's style Ukulele player and singer, cream teas and more great stalls. The Scouts have an array of cakes and refreshments, the club will have their legendary beer and cider festival, the football club have a Cambridge Utd pop up hit the target game. Skate boarding demonstrations are in the school and you can even have a go!

After all that you'd have worked up an appetite so the very popular cricket club BBQ is on hand and Hitwrap, a food van serving vegan & vegetarian foods.

The music entertainment starts at 4pm with our resident DJ Alan, then 1940's singer and Ukulele player, onto Swavesey school bands, Melody Coke,So 80's and headliner Big 10.

The committee are happy to announce that this years colouring competition winner is Dorothy Kwasinroch aged 10 from the school and her entry is the cover for our program which is now on sale at £2.50 each. All proceeds from the sales help to run the Fete & Festival next year. Our Scout leaders and troupe will be selling them door to door so please help us and buy one.

Notice: Due to safety concerns, please do not ride e-bikes or e-scooters into the Fete & Festival arena. Any person of any age seen ignoring this request will be asked to take them home by our security team.

Hopefully we'll all have a safe and fantastic time!!

Bar Hill Fete & Festival Committee

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- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or
- Call/ message/ WhatsApp **07814 871752**.

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names and addresses may be withheld.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

All items should be submitted to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**

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Every Monday, 10- 12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

7 July	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	Health & Wellbeing 10.15 - 10.45
14 July		Carers Café with talk about Falls Prevention 10.00 - 11.30
		Health & Wellbeing 10.15 - 10.45
21 July		Evergreens 10.00 - 11.30
28 July		Meet a Parish Councillor 10.00 - 12.00

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between 10am and 11.30am

Citizens Advice: NOTICE: for health reasons, there is no village Citizens Advice service. To book an appointment for face to face, email or telephone advice with the Cambridge office, please use the following contact details

Email: https://www.cambridgecab.org.uk/get-advice/email-us/

Phone: 0808 278 7808

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month. Please see separate entry in Bar Hill News for more information.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers (starting at 10.15am).

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

Your Community Hub…in the community, by the community, for the community!

LETTERS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your letters & notices to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**. Thank you!

Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along!

Coming in July:

4th : American theme

11th: Bingo and a Quiz

18th: French theme

25th: Bingo and a Quiz

Anne Plumb | **01954 780364** | **anne@rwp10.plus.com**

HELP please: I am looking for a model railway enthusiast to help wire up my extensive N Gauge layout. Willing to make a contribution to time and effort!

Contact Malcolm Cox on **01954 488657** or **07544 897869** for more details.

Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.

So why not come along and give it a try?

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or **barbara.page@live.co.uk**

8 o'clock club

The club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. *Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting on Thursday 3 July has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be the enrolment evening on 4th September.*

Our fee is £15 per year and £1 each meeting for a hot drink and raffle.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171** (**07847 327709**) Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**

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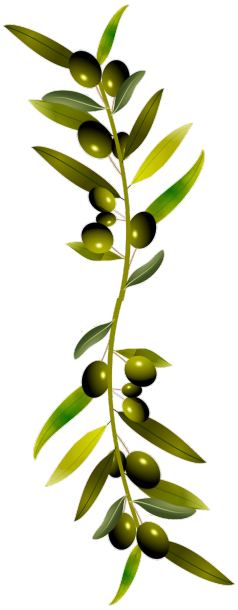
The deadline for submissions is the second Thursday of the Month.
Please send your article to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org** (PDF, Word, Pages, etc)

Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Olive Tree is a very welcoming group for those who have undergone loss or bereavement, where you can talk freely and where confidences are always respected. There will be time to share your experiences, join in discussions and get to know others in the group.

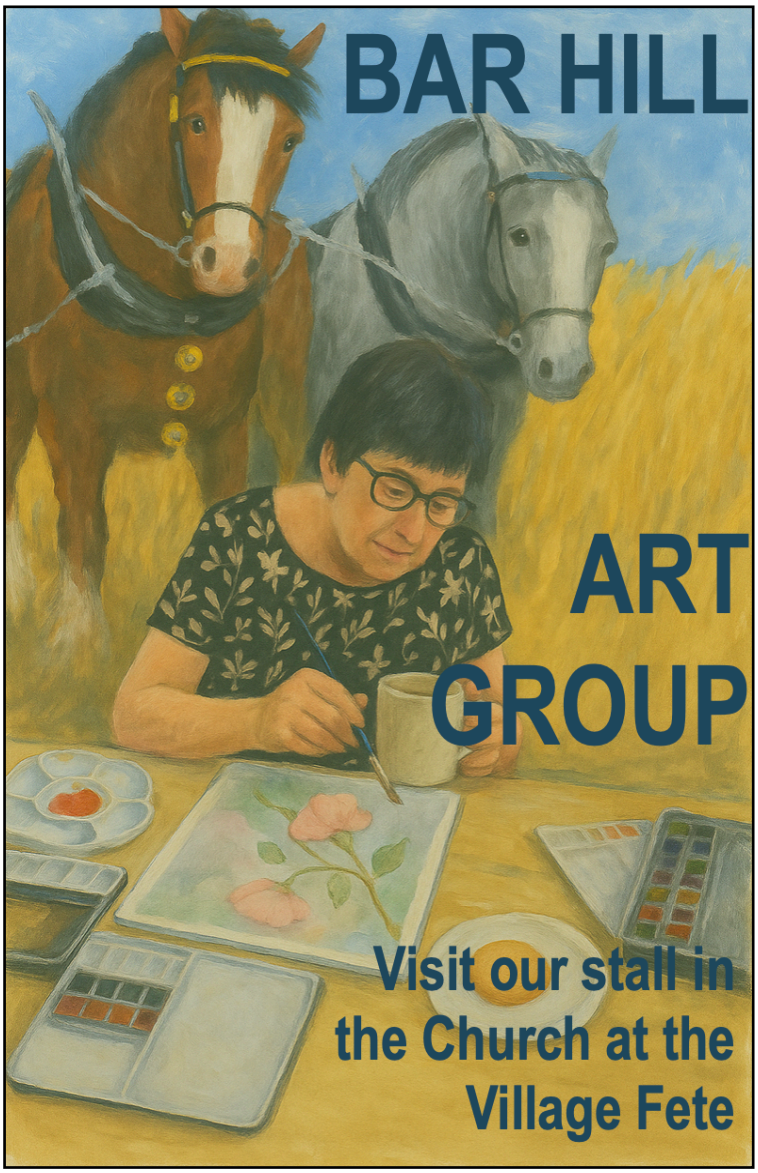


Our meetings are held at 10.30 am on the second Saturday of the month, in the Octagon, and the next one will be on Saturday 12th July. We would love to see you whether you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

If you are not sure whether the group is right for you, please phone one of us to discuss it. We welcome all newcomers but would ask that you come at 10am so that we can explain the format.

The leaders, who are CRUSE trained, and the other members of the group will offer a warm welcome, and you will meet other people who have been through loss and who understand the pain and difficulties that this brings.

For more details telephone Sue Kenchington on **780260**, or Chris Stannard on **781978**.



HELP WANTED: Gemma and Jamie (unknown surname/s) at number 53 anywhere in the village, please could you check your family all have your correct address? We receive cards for you but can't deliver or return them as we don't know where you live and there is no return address! **(Please contact the editor!)**

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Bar Hill Library - July 2025

Summer is here – let the Summer Reading Challenge begin!

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This year's theme is Story Garden – adventures in nature and the great outdoors.

Developed by The Reading Agency, the annual challenge is for pre-school and primary school aged children of all reading abilities. It's free to take part.

Children should:

- sign up at the library to receive a collector's folder and bookmark
- read six library books of their choice during the holidays
- collect a sticker for each book read

On finishing they'll receive a certificate and medal (under-3s receive a special sticker medal).

Sign up from Saturday 5 July. Once the holidays start, collect stickers any time the library is open.

We have a lot of activities going on in the library throughout the summer. Here are the dates for your diaries:

- Sat 5th July SRC sign-up Saturday
- Sat 12th July SRC sign-up Saturday
- 29th July - 26th August Community Craft: Paper Garden
- Wed 30th July 10am-12pm LEGO

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As most of you will have seen by now, the updated playground in Bar Hill is now open! I hope you agree the transformation has been substantial, with brand new equipment, improved surfacing, and a much more inclusive layout making it an exciting and accessible space for children of all ages.

Young people in the village certainly seem to be loving the new features - many are visiting more than once a day!

I'd like to thank all of the sponsors, every local organisation or group that donated, and every resident who contributed - every single penny really did count! Your support helped us reach the impressive overall total of £104,100.

A special thank you must go to the FCC Communities Foundation, which awarded our village just over £70,000 via a grant application. Their generous funding was crucial in making this upgrade possible!

Of course we now have to end with the obvious question … what should Bar Hill tackle next??!!

Jen (Chair)

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Bar Hill Church news

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Sun 6 July, 10:00am — Holy Communion

Separate activities for children, communion will be brought out.

6:00pm — **Informal Worship**

Refreshments served from 6:00pm with the service starting at 6:30pm and finishing at about 7:30pm.

Wed 9 July, 10:00am — Midweek Communion

This is a simple communion service lasting about 30 minutes.

Sun 13 July, 10:00am — Pet Service

All pets welcome to attend (with their owners!) or you can bring a photo of them instead. We will bless all the pets and remember all our pets who are no longer with us.

Sun 20 July, 10:00am — Holy Communion

Separate activities for children, communion will be brought out.

Sun 27 July, 10:00am — Café Church

A different kind of church service: around tables with coffee and biscuits, with a mix of led worship and group discussion. Separate activities for children under eight.

We also hold a short online Morning Worship service at 08:15 every day Monday to Friday, and on Saturday mornings (09:15 to 10:00) a time of Open Prayer is held in the church.

Contacts

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Working hours usually include Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.

Minister: Revd Wendy Wale, 07780 828865, minister@barhillchurch.org.uk
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Cllr Bunty Waters - bunty.waters@ntlworld.com
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South Cambridgeshire District Council

HOTEL UPDATE

In the coming weeks the hotel will cease being used to provide asylum seekers with accommodation whilst their applications are determined. Guests with outstanding applications will be transferred to alternative accommodation provided by the Home Office. This will include hotels in other parts of the country.

The hotel operators, LGH, are working on plans to reopen the hotel. It is likely to be done in a phased manner. The hotel operators will provide those details before they are ready to reopen.

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The group is exploring and implementing a range of measures to increase available supply and decrease demand.

Phase 1 of the programme is targeting social homes, public buildings and schools with retrofit water efficiency measures.

Funding is available via the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service.

The next steps will be publicity.

If you have any questions please get in touch.

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Bar Hill library

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Bar Hill Memorial Garden

Summer is here now. We have had both abnormally warm weather as well as below temperatures. The shrubs are showing us their colours. The days are getting longer, nearly the longest day.

At long last everyone can see what wonderful work and changes to the Memorial Garden, have taken place. Our grateful thanks to John Hinchliffe who has installed the plaques. My grateful thanks go to the whole team who help maintain and have worked so hard in the garden. We are aware that some wheelchairs and wheeled walking aids find access difficult. Like before it takes time for the stones to settle, please keep to the edge. If you are having problems please talk to Chris below.

The refurbishment costs of £5000.00p plus have been met by donations / grants from individuals, The Parish Council , The Community Association, South Cambridgeshire Community Chest, The Co-Op. for which we are extremely grateful.

My grateful thanks to all who donate towards the upkeep of the Memorial Garden, cheques / cash may be left at 7 Acorn Avenue made payable to Bar Hill Memorial Garden or alternatively paid directly into Bar Hill Memorial Account at the Cambridge Building Society Account Number 1768402740 Sort Code 20-17-55 If you wish to talk to someone re a donation then please phone Chris on the numbers below. Thank you once again to all those who have given financial support for this work.

Should you wish to place a Memorial Plaque then contact Chris Stannard **01954 781978**, **07711 623425**, **c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**

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The large Main Hall has multi-purpose vinyl flooring, making it flexible for all types of events. There is a kitchen alongside the Hall with a serving hatch, making it useful for self-catering at parties, discos and the like. The licensed bar can be booked on request and will be serviced by the Sports and Social Club. The Hall opens out onto a large patio area that is ideal for external activities or a spill-over for internal events and has two bolted gates that lead off the premises.

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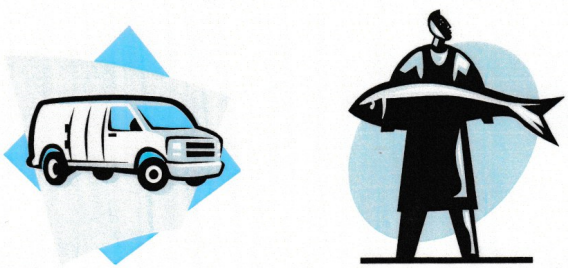

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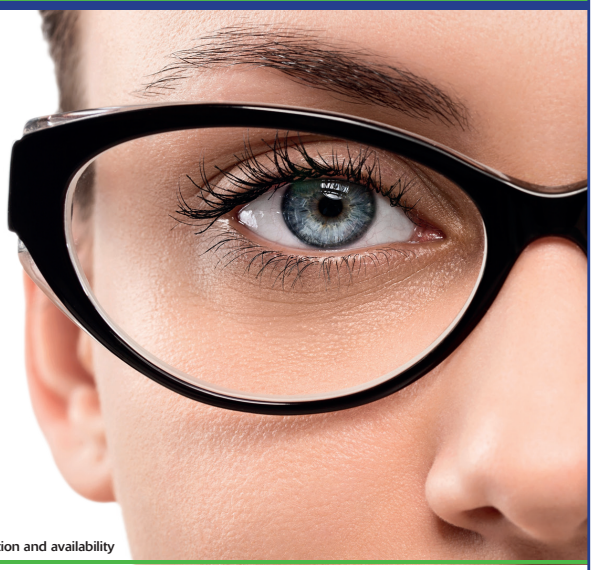

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June marks the beginning of summer, so returning from May half term the children started with summer themed activities like looking at lifecycles. To start of this topic we were looking at how we have changed since we were born, and parents sent in baby photos so we could look at how we had grown.

The following week, with the arrival of our baby caterpillars we have started looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly.

This will be followed by the lifecycle of a frog and looking at what plants and seeds need to grow.

We also made our daddies a special treat for Father's Day.

We are now accepting application forms for children to start the Preschool September 2025- July 2026, interested in registering your child? Contact us for more information.

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Bar Hill Ladies Book Club

The Book Club will end the 2024/2025 season with a social gathering on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30 pm at the home of one of their members.

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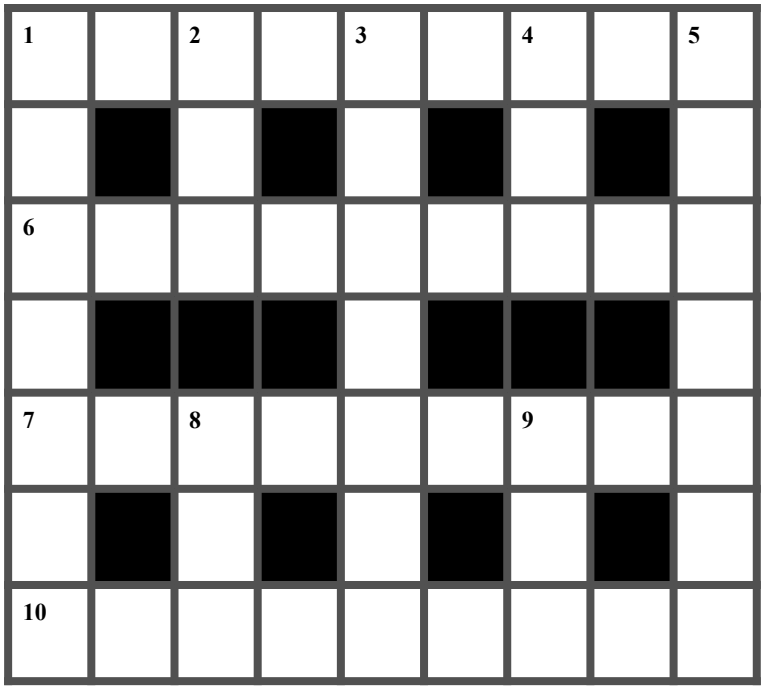

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Bar Hill Primary School

ESFA Pokémon U11 National Finals

We are incredibly proud to share that our Year 5/6 football team represented Bar Hill Primary School at the ESFA Pokémon U11 National Finals at Stoke City's bet365 Stadium – a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our talented young players!

The team secured their place in the national finals by progressing through several fiercely competitive local and regional rounds. To reach the top eight schools in the country is an incredible achievement – and the whole school community is bursting with pride!

Our players performed brilliantly in the group stages, showing great skill, resilience and teamwork. Despite their strong showing, the group stage was, sadly, where their tournament journey came to an end. However, their effort and sportsmanship throughout the day was nothing short of inspirational.

The overall winners of the tournament, Wolfson Hill, were the very team that had won the South East regional round – a team that Bar Hill had drawn with in the earlier stage of the competition. This just goes to show how closely matched the teams were and what a high level of football our players achieved.

The team impressed not only on the pitch but also off it – calm, focused and professional throughout the day, they represented Bar Hill with maturity and pride, showing what excellent role models they are for the rest of the school.

The day was made even more special by our Year 6 children who travelled to Stoke to support the team. Armed with homemade banners and an endless supply of enthusiasm, they created songs on the coach journey and filled the stadium with noise and positivity. Their chants could be heard from the other side of the ground, giving the players a huge boost and showing what brilliant teamwork looks like off the pitch, too.

A huge thank you goes to Lloyd Makhanya for coaching the team, and to all the staff and families who helped make the day possible – from organising logistics to cheering in the stands. From their precise passing and determined defending to their unwavering teamwork, our players embodied the values and spirit that make Bar Hill Primary so special. Well done, Team Bar Hill – national finalists and true champions in our eyes!

Showcase Sustainability Event

Before half term, our Eco Warriors proudly represented our school at the Showcase Sustainability Event—a fantastic opportunity to learn, share, and inspire eco-friendly action.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of hands-on activities designed to highlight the small, everyday changes we can make to help protect our planet. They learned new ideas and brought back plenty of inspiration to share with our wider school community.

As part of the event, our Eco Team also presented a display board showcasing the brilliant initiatives we've been working on at school. From reducing waste to promoting biodiversity, the children spoke with confidence and passion to a wide audience —including event organisers, local sponsors, and council members.

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With the better weather, numbers have increased at pickleball club nights and two courts have not been enough. We spent an afternoon using tape to mark out two pickleball courts on either side of the tennis net. Sadly, the court surface was too poor in parts for the tape to hold firmly, so we're looking at other temporary options until we can get the courts resurfaced.

OPEN DAY DURING THE FETE AFTERNOON

We're holding another pickleball Open Day from 2.00-4.00pm during the Fete on Saturday 12 July. Do stop by the courts and have a go!

SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN - FREE PICKLEBALL TASTER SESSIONS 26-31 JULY

We're running free sessions from 10.00-11.30am on 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31 July for children accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them. (The adult doesn't have to play, but then again, why not?)

Just come to the tennis courts on the Green. We'll provide the equipment. Bring trainers, sunhat/cap, suncream and a drink.

OCCASIONAL PAY & PLAY GAMES

You can book a pay & play game using the tennis nets and your own equipment. Go to https://barhilltennisclub.co.uk/book.

CLUB TIMES

Our Adult Club nights for social tennis are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6.30pm.

Our Adult Club times for pickleball are Monday evenings starting at 6.00pm, with a Beginners' session 5.00-6.00pm, and Friday mornings at 10.00am.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership runs from April to March. Membership covers both tennis and pickleball and you can be part of the WhatsApp groups for either or both sports which give info about what's happening. You can apply online our website.

CONTACT

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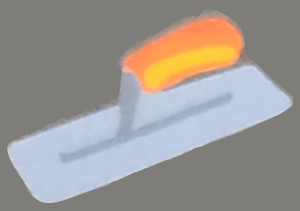

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Put Out Food

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Check Before You Strim or Mow

🌱 Hedgehogs often rest in long grass or undergrowth. Always check for them before using garden tools.

Create or Maintain Access Routes

Ensure hedgehogs can move between gardens with small gaps (13cm x 13cm) in fences or walls.

Build a Safe Nesting Spot

🏡 Leave a wild corner or provide a hedgehog house. July mums may still have babies, and they need a quiet, safe space.

Avoid Using Pesticides or Slug Pellets

☠️ These are both toxic to hedgehogs and reduce their natural food sources.

Leave Out Nesting Materials

🍂 Piles of leaves, hay, or straw can help mothers make or improve nests.

Be Hedgehog Aware at Night

🚗 If you're driving at night, be extra cautious — hedgehogs often cross roads after dark.

Help Orphaned or Injured Hogs

👶 If you see a baby hoglet out in daylight, or an adult looking wobbly, thin, or injured, call your local wildlife rescue straight away.

Record Sightings

📍 Register sightings on Hedgehog Street (**www.hedgehogstreet.org**) to help conservation.

For Help advice on hedgehogs contact: Liz Dams **07912 988898**/ Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital **07947 361187**

WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY GARDENING

Water Sources: Keep bird baths and shallow dishes topped up with fresh water, especially during hot weather.

Add a ramp or pebbles to help insects and small mammals access and exit safely.

Plant for Pollinators: Continue planting nectar-rich flowers like lavender, buddleia, and echinacea to support bees, butterflies, and hoverflies.

Avoid Pesticides: Let nature take care of pests - encourage ladybirds, frogs, and birds that feed on aphids and slugs.

Let Areas Grow Wild: Leave a patch of lawn uncut or allow wildflowers to bloom - this provides food and shelter for insects and small creatures.

Nesting Awareness: Avoid trimming hedges or shrubs in case birds are still nesting.

Night Visitors: Grow evening-scented flowers like jasmine or nicotiana to attract moths and bats.

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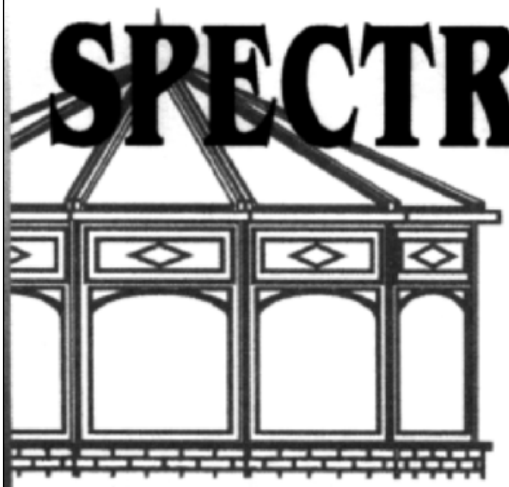

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School Streets an Initiative in Bar Hill?

School streets is the name of a National Initiative aimed at improving safety near schools where there are high levels of cars in the road outside a school at the start and end of the school day as pupils are dropped off and picked up by car.

School Streets began in Bolzano, Italy in the late 1980s. They were first introduced in the UK by East Lothian Council in 2014 and by City of Edinburgh Council in 2015. In England, early examples of School Streets were delivered in Solihull and the London Borough of Camden. Many other English local authorities have now followed in their footsteps by implementing School Streets.

It may be something to consider at Bar Hill's primary school. The staff there are concerned at the number of vehicles dropping off pupils at the start and end of the school day, and want something done to improve safety for children, staff and parents alike. In considering any proposals it is vital that there is an open and unbiased discussion with local residents, parents, local councillors and any others who may be affected. It will be interesting to see what proposals come forward in the next couple of months.

A better surface for the Overbridge

At the time of writing the work on resurfacing the overbridge is about to start. These essential resurfacing works on the Bar Hill overbridge which carries traffic over the A14 should make a significant difference, providing a safer, smoother and better-defined road surface in future.

Monitoring continues to allow National Highways to deliver a permanent fix.

Ring Road Path

The most cost effective and rapid solution is to focus on connecting the existing paths. The Parish Council can apply for a grant under the Local Highways Initiative scheme with the County Council to do exactly this. This is a straightforward and simple scheme which opens for applications every year. Other Parish Councils applied successfully last year to connect footpaths which had gaps. I will be encouraging the Parish council to make an application for a grant under this scheme as planning for this will need to happen now, to be ready for an application in the autumn. Of course I'm still continuing to press for longer term funding for a multi purpose path around the perimeter road, but this will take much longer to materialise.

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SAXON PARK/ BAR HILL SKATEPARK

The Parish Council have looked at the Invitation To Tender document for the skatepark and have made some suggested changes. Consequently changes were made by the Skatepark Working Party for approval by the Parish Council on 19th June. However, as this article is being written on 5th June I cannot give the outcome! If you'd like to be kept up to date with skatepark development you can do so on our new Facebook page (scan the QR code and click 'Follow').

We also encourage you try out skateboarding by signing up for a try-out session (for both adults and children!) at the Bar Hill fete at **bit.ly/skateboarding-signup**. We also have more information available at **www.barhill-ca.org/activities/saxon-park**.

Bar Hill Cricket Club

We've picked up some good results so far this season and at the time of writing stand third in the CCA Junior Division 4W, seven points behind the leaders.

Our first Saturday league match of the season saw us at home to Elsworth and fielding first.

Midhun Sudhakar took two wickets on his first appearance but Elsworth had a strong batting performance and scored 275 for 6.

In reply, Jim Neal top-scored with 36 and Jeemon Vazhappilly made 33 not out, but Bar Hill were all out for 165.

We followed that with another defeat as Fulbourn posted 236 for 8, with Midhun picking up another three wickets. This time Sujith Kidangoor top-scored with 44, but Bar Hill were all out for 177.

We got our first win on the board against Milton, who scored 190 for 8, with the wickets shared around. Bar Hill's reply was blistering as Sujith scored 52 off just 30 balls and Midhun added 42 and Jeemon 30 not out as we reached the target for the loss of four wickets after 24 overs.

That was followed by another emphatic win, bowling out Cherry Hinton II for 67, captain Jacob Marshall-Grint taking 5 for 18. Bar Hill won in the 15th over for the loss of four wickets.

Longstowe gave us a sterner test, bowling us out for 189, Jeemon top-scoring with 55. Our visitors got to their target with five wickets in hand.

It was back to winning ways at Comberton, where Phil Orvis had the superb figures of 6 for 9 as we bowled out the hosts for 67. In damp conditions, we lost six wickets reaching the target, Jim top-scoring with 28.

We have also been in action in the midweek Cambs Business Houses League, with defeats so far to Stapleford Phoenix and Cokenach, though Jacob scored an unbeaten 56 in the latter.

We have practice sessions from 6pm every Wednesday at the village green, and there are several ad-hoc practices at other times through the week, so do come and say hello if you are interested in playing cricket or helping the club in any other way.

Off the pitch, we hope to see you at the barbecue on Fete Day.

You can get in touch via the contact details below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News, on our website barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

July fixtures

Sat 5th: Cambridge Ct Giles IV (A, CCA)

Tue 8th: Domino (H, friendly)

Tue 15th: Eastern Learning Alliance (H, CBHL)

Sat 19th: Elsworth (A, CCA)

Tue 27th: British Antarctic Survey (H, CBHL)

Sat 26th: Comberton (H, CCA)

Tue 29th: Royal Society Chemistry (H, CBHL)

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James Neal batting against Cambridge St Giles III

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IAN SOLLOM MP NEWSLETTER

Carers Week

During Carers Week, which ran from 9-15 June, I was pleased to meet with carers and those representing them from a range of organisations and pledge my support for them. The week's theme was 'Caring about Equality', which was aimed at bringing attention to the different inequalities carers face, including a greater risk of poverty, social isolation, and poor mental and physical health. The UK has millions of unpaid carers - including many in our communities - who do so much to look after their friends and family members. We must ensure they are properly supported.

Free School Meals

I was pleased that the Government agreed to extend free school meals to all children in families receiving Universal Credit – this is something the Liberal Democrats have been calling for over many years.

Following the announcement, I spoke in Parliament and asked the Education Minister, Stephen Morgan, to ensure the extra funding of pupil premium, which is given to the most disadvantaged children in state-funded schools will remain once free school meals are extended.

The pupil premium is a grant that provides funding to improve educational outcomes for the most disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England, and eligibility is mainly based on how many children in the school receive free school meals. However, the Government has been clear that those newly eligible for free school meals will not receive the pupil premium, while other changes are likely to result in less pupil premium funding going to schools.

It is vital that safeguards are put in place to protect the pupil premium currently given to schools to help 2.2 million disadvantaged children. The Government has said it will review how pupil premium funding is allocated, as well as looking at national deprivation funding in the longer term.

In addition, my fellow Liberal Democrats and I have called on the Government to introduce auto-enrolment to all those who are eligible for free school meals.

Debate on Mathematics

I was delighted to host a debate on 'The contribution of Maths to the UK' in Westminster Hall earlier this month. The debate was supported by the Campaign for Mathematical Sciences.

I really wanted to bring attention to maths for a number of reasons. Firstly, mathematical sciences contribute a huge amount to the UK economy - around £495 billion in 2023, which is 20% of the country's entire Gross Value Added. This contribution is only set to grow in future with massive demand in the AI, tech innovation, security and defence sectors; and thirdly, a thriving maths ecosystem is fundamental to future growth.

As well as supporting specialist post-16 institutions and university maths departments, it is key that the Government ensures Maths teachers are a priority in its strategy to recruit 6,500 new teachers.The national curriculum also needs reform - a 17.4% pass rate for post-16 GCSE Mathematics retakes is concerning. We need a National Strategy for Mathematics to secure our future, and this debate was a key step in pushing for that.

If you would like to contact me, please email **ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk**, visit my website **www.iansollom.org**, or alternatively you can follow me on X: @IanSollom, Facebook **www.facebook.com/IanFSollom** or Instagram **www.instagram.com/iansollom**

BOBS July 2025

What is BOBS you may ask? It stands for Bar Hill Old Boys.

BOBS is the successor to Crafts Shed that has been in this village for Five and a Half Years. Sadly, due to no accommodation being available where items could be made, we made the painful decision in our December Meeting to relinquish our Charitable Status. Our tools have either been sold or given to another Shed. We were able also to make two sizeable donations to two other charities.

What will BOBS do. We are here to meet as a Mens' Group on a Thursday Morning between 09.30-ish to 11.30-ish in the Octagon Meeting Room, where we will play board games such as chess, table tennis etc. We also, will continue to plan visits to places of interest.

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BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairperson: bunty.waters@barhill-pc.gov.uk

Massive thank you to Jenni Foster-Smith for all her incredible work getting the New Play Park funded and installed it looks amazing!

Thank you: A massive thank you to Ash Curry for cutting the grass in the new Play Area ready for the opening and to Cllr Ellingham and Nigel for all their hard work.

Fly Tipping: Please can residents not Fly Tip their rubbish as this involves a considerable cost to everyone.

HGVs: We are looking at getting signs for the perimeter road to try to stop lorries parking there along with working with the County Council to try and resolve this issue.

Play Park: Please can adults NOT use the play equipment in the new play park this is to stop equipment breaking and wearing.

BBQs: Please do not use disposable BBQs on the Village Green.

Dog Fouling: Please make sure you clean up after your dogs and have poo bags with you when out walking with your dogs. Please report any concerns using the url below.

If you see anything that causes concern for safety in and around the Village for example electric scooters on pathways, please call 101 and report it.

Committee Meeting Dates

Environment and Amenities Meeting 2 July 2025 - 7 pm in the Parish Council Office

Full Council Meeting 17 July 2025 - 7 pm in the Parish Council Office

Hedgehog Fact: Hedgehog numbers are in serious decline. We have lost 95% of the European hedgehog in the last 30 years.

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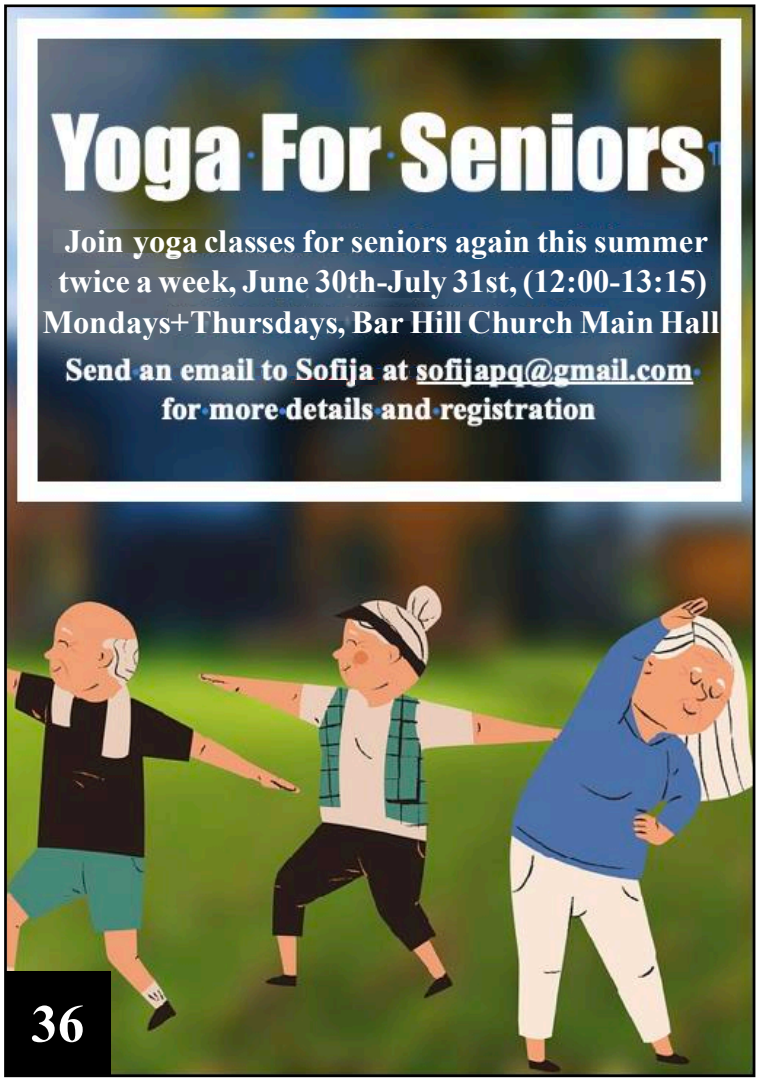
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Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM, Ditton he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.

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Contact Bunty Waters for more info.

Help! We're Missing Something

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- 12th July - bottle hamper stall in the Church for Bar Hill Fete & Festival
- 28th August
- 23rd October AGM

Meetings start at 7:30 in the Octagon Meeting Room.

Our traditional Poppy Appeal is currently being planned. If you can spare an hour please contact Maggie on **01954 488657**.

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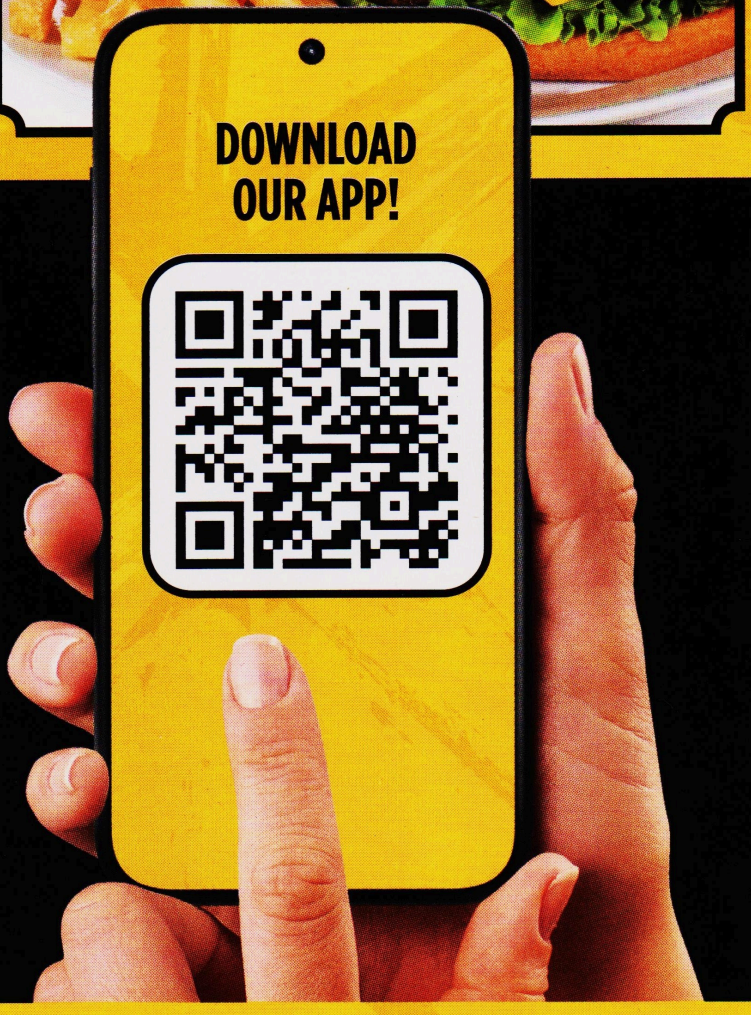

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